

**Community Visions for a Great SW Albuquerque**  
**Collected from Participants at a SW Albuquerque Strategic Planning meeting**  
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**“What would you like SW Albuquerque to be within 20 years?”**

Currently the area is too crowded, full of cookie cutter houses, gridlocked with traffic, paved over like anywhere USA.... Unless.... Some folks with vision and dreams and an unending well of energy come along to save it with residential mixed with neighborhood commercial, jobs, clean industry, trails that are safe (not on the shoulder of a highway, development that feels like the southwest, thought given to water runoff and the land down the hill, and not full of “starter houses, but instead full of homes.

Neighborhoods with amenities: park, pedestrian accessible, balance of neighborhood commercial and residences, employment opportunities, access to mass transit, plenty of open space with a network of trails, quality housing that promotes interaction and public art.

Nice architecture... Design for mass transit to work better. Arroyos with adequate or large buffer around it to provide trails and wildlife corridors. Nice looking boulevards for pedestrians. Not this walled tunnel effect. Preservation of unique areas (natural and cultural). Communities where people can safely walk to shopping, work or recreation.

After some strategic eradication... a vibrant community with adequate transportation infrastructure, quality jobs, libraries, museums, destinations for tourism, walkability with less reliance on the auto.

Pedestrian friendly... especially safe for children... bicycle and walking paths, reliable mass transport, local jobs, safety is foremost for seniors, and local shops within easy walking distance

Mixture of commercial, open space, senior housing, ½ acre lots, community center, sports fields, library, restaurants, activity centers (bowling, etc.)

An inclusive and welcoming community.

Fun and vibrant community where family and kids live, work, get medical and retail services and is walkable, safe and people are involved.

Multi-ethnic, multi-income diverse community... Walkable... not dominated by cars. Local shopping and employment.

A cohesive livable community well served by bicycle and pedestrian routes, bike lands and trails.

I'd like to see a real neighborhood... one where you could walk to friends homes easily and visit neighborhood businesses without the need of automobiles.

It would be a safe, vibrant community where residents can shop, recreate, and grow. It would lose the stigma of being the "bad" side of town.

Local neighborhood centers, larger community retail areas, easy walk, bike, transit accessibility to local and city-wide destinations. Safe, mixed income with a mixture of housing and development types.

Some mix of housing types, quality, price range to be a multigenerational set of neighborhoods. Some redevelopment of existing low quality buildings.

Safe... Nearby shopping and services... Opportunities to bike and walk.

Welcoming, friendly, beautifully landscaped, village like with people of all ages present (out in the yard, on trains coming home and from nearby shops)

Major thoroughfares with feeder streets from neighborhoods where people live and shop

You can walk to eat, shop and get food and drygoods. There should be schools and many churches and very local parks for play as well as area parks for group activities, light industry... Several villages should be joined together.

Transit-oriented-development

Friendly and easy to move around comfortably

Walk to senior activities and stores handy for shopping...

Mixed use and mixed incomes with multiple community clusters (centers) that include single family detached houses, duplexes, apartments, lofts, and townhouses and with local groceries, retail, theaters and restaurants.

Schools that are used evenings and weekends and summers as community centers

Businesses

Clinics and a senior village

Good public and local transportation, adequate schools, and businesses in the area to employ residents. Mixed use zoning with small businesses in community and area mixed economically prices homes for everyone.